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Dear Bob-

Enclosed you should find a $20 check for a subscription to your newsletter and last years issues. When we talked on the phone Friday I was really pleased to hear of plans for adding memory and ascii keyboard to the system. I have used a Z80 in circuit emulator to prod and poke through the system rom and basic. ~~Both~~ I have inverted listings for the new Z80 assembly language but they are fairly complex and its like trying to decipher the Rosetta Stone. I have made a bit of progress which may contribute to the Apeadian vault of knowledge but I suspect I can benefit greatly from what you have published already.

I am very interested in the current projects for expanding the system since Bally is late, overpriced, unsupportive, etc. I believe (now) they are withdrawing from the home computer market place even though Chuck Vollmer in Chicago said they were only evaluating the FCC rulings " in the TI bid to enter this market. I would appreciate names, phone numbers, etc. of the folks you know are actively engaged in expanding their systems. I would definitely like to get involved myself and would have done more before now if I had just had someone else with similar

interests to bounce ideas and strategies off of.

Heres a little of my background:

- currently manager of Systems Architecture for Mohawk Data Sciences (R&D center in Los Gatos).
- 8 years in computer systems ~~&~~ software business
- 6 years experience in µPs

I have fairly good test equipment and Z80 experience (since before 1st Z-log announcement). I have ~~newly~~ acquired a top quality Tektronix scope which I hope to make good use of in expanding my system. Ideally, I would like to find schematics for the Bally system and at least interface specs on the custom ZSIC's in the video area of operation. With an idea for getting off-board to my own expansion boards.

Well I've run out of steam for now. It was really exciting to learn of the Arcadian and yourself and others with ~~similar~~ interests similar to mine. I have had my system for a year and have often wished for contact or a users group. Maybe I could get a mailing list from you to determine the feasibility of starting a user's group in the South Bay Area?

Thanks a lot, Hoping to have many more contacts with you

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